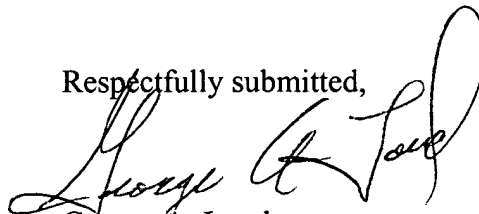


REMARKS

The present amendment leaves only allowed claims 12-21 still pending. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the captioned application is now in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George A. Loud", written in a cursive style.

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